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SUBJ: GOC GRANTS SAFECONDUCT TO SEVEN ASYLEES IN VENEZUELAN EMBASSY

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER CARVAJAL STATED JANUARY 11 THAT THE GOC HAD GRANTED SAFECONDUCTS TO SEVEN ASYLEES -- FOUR MEN AND THREE WOMEN -- HOUSED WITH THE VENEZUELAN FOR OVER A MONTH (PARA 5 REFTEL). ICEM TELLS US THAT THE GROUP WILL LEAVE CHILE JANUARY 16; FIVE HAVE VISAS TO SWEDEN AND TWO TO NORWAY. THE VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR HAD PRESSED PINOCHET ON THE ISSUE DURING A JANUARY 5 MEETING.

2. CITING THE GOC'S COMMITMENT TO INTERNATIONAL LAW -- PURPOSELY STRESSED AT A TIME WHEN CHILE SEEKS THE SAME COMMITMENT FROM ARGENTINA ON THE BEAGLE QUESTION -- CARVAJAL STATED THE THE GOVERNMENT RESPECTED VENEZUELA'S DECISION TO TAKE THE GROUP IN AND HAD PROCEEDED TO GRANT THE SAFECONDUCTS ONCE THE IDENTITY OF THE SEVEN WAS ESTABLISHED. THE ACTION DOES NOT AFFECT ARMY DESERTER JORGE MADARIAGA IN THE EMBASSY SINCE 1975 BUT VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR ENRIQUE ARPURUA INTIMATED THAT A "FAVORABLE SOLUTION" WAS IN THE WORKS.
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3. FIVE OF THE GROUP HAD GAINED ASYLUM DECEMBER 9 BY PRETENDING TO BE GUESTS AT A RECEPTION; THE OTHER TWO ENTERED THE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY BY JUMPING OVER AN OUTER WALL DECEMBER 14.

4. COMMENT: THE GOC HAS A GOOD RECORD OF GRANTING POLITICAL ASYLEES SAFECONDUCTS. MADARIAGA AND RAFAEL GONZALEZ,

THE TWO PERENNIAL ASYLEES, ARE SPECIAL CASES.
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